

# how to: be rich

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## Trust the Provider

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WELCOME • SERIES INTRO

Because we don't **feel** rich, we try to **get** rich, and haven't learned to **be** rich.

TODAY, I'M SAYING YOU SHOULD FEEL RICH BECAUSE YOU ALREADY ARE

Admit it!

CHARTS OF INTERNATIONAL DISPOSABLE INCOME & MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME • BONO QUOTE  
OUR FIRST STEP IS TO ADMIT WHAT'S TRUE: WE ARE RICH

## 1 Timothy 6:17

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

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Command 1: Don't be **arrogant**.

EASY TO POINT FINGERS • A PROBLEM FOR US • I HAVE BECAUSE I'M WORTH SOMETHING  
HOWEVER MUCH WE HAVE, WE THINK WE ARE WORTH MORE • ILL: REJECTING A RAISE?  
I HAVE WHAT I HAVE BECAUSE GOD PROVIDED / BLESSED

I am rich because **God** has **blessed** me.

Command 2: Don't put your **hope** in wealth.

WE DON'T ADMIT THIS, BUT IT'S TRUE TOO • POWER AND PLEASURE • BUT EVEN SECURITY  
WEALTH UNCERTAIN => WE WANT MORE! • WE WANT MONEY TO DO WHAT ONLY GOD CAN DO

God **provides** for my **enjoyment**.

I will not trust in my riches but in the  
**One who richly provides**.

## Take it Home

NOT AGAINST SAVINGS OR INSURANCE BUT A QUESTION OF THE HEART.  
AM I TRUSTING WEALTH? DO I WANT THIS FOR POWER, PLEASURE, OR SECURITY?  
AM I ASKING WEALTH TO DO WHAT ONLY GOD CAN DO?  
AM I THANKFULLY ENJOYING WHAT GOD HAS ALREADY PROVIDED!?

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